

## Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Board

Appoquinimink State Service Center, Middletown, Delaware

Monday February 13, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** J. Quirk, J. Hammond (by phone), M.S. Jones, M. Lau, J. Weinstock, J. Fredel, S. Swanson    **Excused:** M. Williams

**Guests:** T. Franzen, B. Murray

**Staff:** C. Grabowski

<b><u>TOPICS</u></b>	<b><u>LEADER</u></b>	<b><u>DISCUSSION SUMMARY</u></b>	<b><u>ACTIONS OR PLAN</u></b>
<b><u>Welcome</u></b>	J. Quirk	The meeting convened at 10:07 a.m. at the Appoquinimink State Service Center. Bill Murray, a member of the public and a volunteer for Gift of Life for 3 years, was introduced.	Meeting convened
<b><u>Agenda</u></b>	J. Quirk	The agenda was reviewed prior to the meeting; no revisions were needed.	Approved without revision
<b><u>Approval of Minutes</u></b> November 14, 2016	J. Quirk	The previous minutes were reviewed. The motion to approve was voiced by J. Fredel and was seconded by J. Weinstock.	Approved as written
<b><u>Reports</u></b>			
Fiscal Activity Report	C. Grabowski	The Trust Fund balance as of 12/12/2016 was \$32,828.49. Funds allocated by the legislature for are \$36,800 for Gift of Life (GOL) and \$7,300 for OTDAB, totaling \$44,100. As best as can be determined, Trust Fund income is all from tax donations.	Informational
Div. of Motor Vehicles Donor Statistics	C. Grabowski	The current percentage of donor designees among licensed drivers and ID holders statewide has slightly increased to 51.49%.	Informational
Members	M.S. Jones	M.S. Jones', J. Weinstock's, and J. Fredel's 3-year terms will expire in 2017. There is a link for the Governor's Boards application that can be accessed at any time.	Informational
Consent Agenda	J. Quirk	After a brief introduction of the concept by the Chair, J. Weinstock made a motion that the Board move to a Consent Agenda. J. Hammond seconded the motion. The motion carried. Board members will be notified as to when reports will be due to C. Grabowski so they can be sent to the membership for review prior to meetings. Only questions or issues raised by members will be discussed at meetings.	
Strategic Plan	J. Weinstock	J. Weinstock will confer with Dan Sinnott regarding facilitating of finalization of the Strategic Plan. In the previous session, issues/goals were identified. The concern now is the timing and methods to execute those issues. This topic was tabled until a proposal is received from D. Sinnott. J. Fredel stated that there is apparently a real disconnect with certain groups related to organ donation. The group has to find new ways to reach people. J. Fredel will check on another source at DMV for the possibility of receiving more detailed data by date range. Another possibility would be checking if the data is available through the State Open Portal.	Ongoing
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>			
DE Donation P.I. Initiative (DDPII)	T. Franzen	Nothing to report; this item will be removed from the agenda.	Informational

<b><u>New Business</u></b>			
Governor's Annual Report	M.S. Jones	A copy of the Governor's Annual Report was provided for members to view. Copies were also sent to Lt. Governor Hall-Long, Chairs of the Senate and House Health Committees, former House Committee Chair Heffernan, and Representatives Schwartzopf and Henry.	
Recent OTDAB Activities	T. Franzen	<p>A number of houses of worship participated in National Donor Sabbath.</p> <p>The annual Donation Champions event was held at Christiana Hospital and was attended by 75 to 80 nurses and respiratory therapists. B. Murray spoke at the event as well as at a Jewish Synagogue in November and several other houses of worship.</p> <p>GOL had a record year in 2016 with deceased organ donors, whose gifts translated into more than 1,400 patients received organ or tissue transplants.</p> <p>The annual Delaware Donor Dash will tentatively take place in September at a new location. This would be a great venue for encouraging donor sign-ups.</p> <p>April is Donate Life month. M. Lau offered to work to reactivate meetings with the southern Delaware volunteer group. Dr. Swanson emphasized the impact that those who have experienced the need for an organ can have on the public. GOL's hospital service takes recipients along when speaking with Emergency and Intensive Care nurses, which allows them to see the results of donation.</p>	Ongoing
Gift of Life (GOL) Contract	M.S. Jones	The work plan was received from Gift of Life and will be forwarded to Fiscal, with a hopeful start date of April 3 <sup>rd</sup> and an end date of June 30 <sup>th</sup> . The question was posed as to whether funds for the contract are at risk due to the State's budget shortfall. The funds need to be spent rapidly, but it is more likely there may be decreased amounts of funds available in the next budget process. Public testimony is taken at budget hearings, and the fiscal argument for transplant versus cost of lifelong medical care is enormous.	Informational
Legislative Update on SB 17 and HB 21	<p>J. Weinstock</p> <p>S. Swanson</p>	<p>The State Senate passed SB 17, which decriminalizes transplant of kidneys from HIV infected donors. It is hoped that when the House reconvenes that it will follow suit. If the many coalitions that were in support of these bills could be invited to a formal signing by the governor, OTDAB could reach an untapped source of possible donors.</p> <p>House Bill 21 ensures that individuals with disabilities are not denied access to organ transplants based solely on the disability. Dr. Swanson emphasized that there must be assurance that a recipient with a disability has someone who can provide proper support. The only issue that may preclude a person from transplant is that the person is not a suitable candidate due to other medical issues.</p>	Informational
Title 14 Education DE Administrative Code	<p>T. Franzen</p> <p>J. Weinstock</p>	Less than 50% of potential graduates have met the organ donation education requirements of Title 14. There are teaching plans available but the enforcement requirement has not been met.	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Informational</p>
<p><b><u>Adjourn:</u></b> J. Weinstock moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Swanson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Appoquinimink State Service Center, Middletown.</b></p>			